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INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS: PRELIMINARY STATEMENT, 1971-72

This publication contains preliminary statistics of industrial accidents reported to the Victorian Government Statist during 1971-72 under the provisions of the Workers Compensation Regulations. For comparative purposes statistics for 1967-68 to 1970-71 are also included.

The collection is restricted to fatal cases and to those where the worker was incapacitated for work for a period of one week or more. Reports included relate to workers compensation claims finalised during 1971-72, and to claims reported as unclosed after the period of three years. Thus the cases to which the statistics relate did not necessarily occur in 1971-72.

The effect of changes in the provisions of the Workers Compensation Act should be noted:

- (a) In accordance with the provisions of the Amendment Act 1965, the definition of "worker" excluded any person employed whose remuneration exceeded \$6,000 per annum. However, some employers did insure against liability for employees whose income exceeded the amount specified in the Act. (On 9 May 1972, the Act was amended and the provision relating to \$6,000 was deleted. Benefits were also increased.)
- (b) Commonwealth employees and self-employed persons are excluded from the provisions of the Act.

Industrial accident. For the purpose of this collection, the following definition is applied: An industrial accident is a compensated work injury causing death, permanent disability, or absence of the injured person from work for one week or more, excluding journey cases, cases occurring during a recess period, and all disease cases except where the disease is considered to be precipitated or aggravated by an accidental event.

Information has been included concerning accidents occurring on journeys to and from employment or during a recess period, and disease cases.

For further definitions see the more detailed annual bulletin to be released at a later date.

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VICTORIA - NUMBER, COST OF CLAIMS, AND PERIOD OF INCAPACITY OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS,  
JOURNEY AND RECESS CASES, AND OTHER DISEASES

Particulars	Number			Cost of claims			Period of incapacity		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
				\$	\$	\$	weeks	weeks	weeks
<u>Industrial accidents</u>									
Fatal - 1967-78	40	1	41	357,733	265	357,998	..	..	..
1968-69	50	1	51	454,904	588	455,492	..	..	..
1969-70	49	..	49	482,438	..	482,438	..	..	..
1970-71	33	..	33	352,858	..	352,858	..	..	..
1971-72	52	..	52	567,141	..	567,141	..	..	..
Non-fatal - 1967-68	28,196	4,754	32,950	8,572,397	1,124,475	9,696,872	112,111	21,642	133,753
1968-69	26,629	4,403	31,032	8,754,594	r1,242,757	r9,997,351	107,001	20,125	127,126
1969-70	27,210	4,609	31,819	8,702,945	1,327,301	10,030,246	104,976	21,422	126,398
1970-71	26,491	4,477	30,968	9,334,301	1,423,186	10,757,487	107,349	20,242	127,591
1971-72	27,773	4,368	32,141	10,482,985	1,417,143	11,900,128	112,869	21,489	134,358
<u>Journey and recess - disease and accident cases</u>									
Fatal - 1967-68	49	1	50	293,707	7,950	301,657	..	..	..
1968-69	54	2	56	366,516	8,586	375,102	..	..	..
1969-70	60	3	63	416,385	9,567	425,952	..	..	..
1970-71	59	1	60	411,848	280	412,128	..	..	..
1971-72	62	3	65	518,818	4,463	523,281	..	..	..
Non-fatal - 1967-68	1,542	963	2,505	508,766	216,057	724,823	8,498	4,626	13,124
1968-69	1,513	921	2,434	557,375	198,422	755,797	8,752	4,688	13,440
1969-70	1,575	950	2,525	491,676	224,955	716,631	9,014	4,852	13,866
1970-71	1,496	968	2,464	506,527	209,961	716,488	8,387	4,921	13,308
1971-72	1,554	958	2,512	523,372	258,111	781,483	8,776	5,450	14,226

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VICTORIA - NUMBER, COST OF CLAIMS, AND PERIOD OF INCAPACITY OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS,  
JOURNEY AND RECESS CASES, AND OTHER DISEASES - continued

Particulars	Number			Cost of claims			Period of incapacity		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
				\$	\$	\$	weeks	weeks	weeks
<u>Other diseases</u>									
Fatal - 1967-68	255	2	257	1,535,855	5,707	1,541,562	..	..	..
1968-69	256	4	260	1,824,003	22,128	1,846,131	..	..	..
1969-70	245	4	249	1,752,910	15,838	1,768,748	..	..	..
1970-71	255	6	261	1,846,382	19,394	1,865,776	..	..	..
1971-72	321	6	327	2,378,436	13,235	2,391,671	..	..	..
Non-fatal - 1967-68	1,285	701	1,986	1,104,337	170,420	1,274,757	14,999	3,742	18,741
1968-69	1,123	650	1,773	995,724	160,712	1,156,436	14,652	3,029	17,681
1969-70	1,084	683	1,767	743,713	133,716	877,429	9,932	2,912	12,844
1970-71	1,017	593	1,610	747,031	138,443	885,474	9,654	3,117	12,771
1971-72	1,111	502	1,613	939,816	97,365	1,037,181	10,306	1,858	12,164
<u>Grand total</u>									
Fatal - 1967-68	344	4	348	2,187,295	13,922	2,201,217	..	..	..
1968-69	360	7	367	2,645,423	31,302	2,676,725	..	..	..
1969-70	354	7	361	2,651,733	25,405	2,677,138	..	..	..
1970-71	347	7	354	2,611,088	19,674	2,630,762	..	..	..
1971-72	435	9	444	3,464,395	17,698	3,482,093	..	..	..
Non-fatal - 1967-68	31,023	6,418	37,441	10,185,500	1,510,952	11,696,452	135,608	30,010	165,618
1968-69	29,265	5,974	35,239	10,307,693	1,601,891	11,909,584	130,405	27,842	158,247
1969-70	29,869	6,242	36,111	9,938,334	1,685,972	11,624,306	123,922	29,186	153,108
1970-71	29,004	6,038	35,042	10,587,859	1,771,590	12,359,449	125,390	28,280	153,670
1971-72	30,438	5,828	36,266	11,946,173	1,772,619	13,718,792	131,951	28,797	160,748

NOTE. Comprises fatal and non-fatal claims closed during the year or unclosed claims of three years duration. Period of incapacity of non-fatal claims is one week or more.

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